

Tasnia Symoom

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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Comparative Political Behavior; Authoritarianism & Democratization; Gender & Politics, South Asian Politics; Comparative Political Economy; Experimental Methods; Mixed Methods
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	University of Kentucky Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 2025-2026 Center for Research on Violence Against Women Bluegrass Community and Technical College Adjunct faculty, 2025-
EDUCATION	University of Kentucky Ph.D. Department of Political Science, 2025 M.A. Department of Political Science, 2023 Eastern Illinois University M.A. Department of Economics, 2018 Asian University for Women B.A. in Economics and Development Studies, 2015
FELLOWSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS	Charles E. Scheidt Faculty Fellowship (2025-2026), Institute for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention, Binghamton University Research Fellowship (2024), Office for Policy Studies on Violence Against Women, University of Kentucky Project: <i>Challenges of Humanitarian-Security Collaboration in Addressing Gender Based Violence in Rohingya Camp.</i> Ashley T. Judd Distinguished Graduate Fellowship (2021-2022), Office for Policy Studies on Violence Against Women, University of Kentucky Project: <i>Survey Experiment on Gendered Attitudes toward Violence Against Women in Bangladesh.</i> International Student Scholarship, Eastern Illinois University, 2017-2018 IKEA Foundation (Netherlands) Merit-Based Scholarship, Asian University for Women, 2010-2015
JOURNAL ARTICLES	Symoom, Tasnia. 2025. "Shared Identity, Shifting Blame: Evidence from a Survey Experiment on Victim Blaming Attitudes in Domestic Violence." <i>The Social Science Journal</i> . https://doi.org/10.1080/03623319.2025.2551121

**ARTICLES
UNDER REVIEW**

“Shared Identity, Selective Sympathy: Evidence from a Survey Experiment on Attitudes towards Domestic Violence Perpetrators.” *Violence Against Women*.

“Social Dominance, and Intersectionality: A Survey Vignette Study on Attitudes towards Sexual Violence among Religious and Partisan Groups in Bangladesh.” *Race and Justice*.

**WORK
IN PROGRESS**

Effect of Religious Extremism on Minority and Women’s Rights in Transitional Democracy.

Foreign Investment and Democratic Recovery: U.S. FDI After the Fall of Authoritarian Regimes (with Horace Bartilow).

Safeguarding Women Politicians & Activists in Transitional Democracies: Combating Harassment and Advancing Gender Representation.

Institutional Constraints and Protection Gaps: IPV and Sexual Violence in Rohingya Refugee Camps.

Policing After Autocracy: Navigating Trust and Transformation

**WORKING
BOOK PROJECTS**

Selective Solidarity and Violence Against Women: A Comparative Study of Gendered Attitudes of Violence in Bangladesh and the United States (Book proposal in external review with Oxford University Press, Interpersonal Violence Series).

After the Fall: Psychological Legacies, Institutional Ruins, and Political Struggles in Post-Autocratic States.

Sinophobia and the Liberal Order: Is China a Present Threat or Future Manager of Global Liberalism? (with Horace Bartilow)

**OTHER
WRITINGS**

“Civic Education: Bangladesh’s Best Defense Against Dictatorship.” *New Age*, August 12, 2025.

“Proportional Representation: Why It Could Hurt Women.” *New Age*, July 31, 2025.

“Bystander Psychology in Transitional Bangladesh.” *New Age*, July 16, 2025.

“Women’s Reserved Seats: No Gambling with Progress.” *New Age*, June 18, 2025.

“Bangladesh Still Trapped in Authoritarian Habit.” *New Age*, May 27, 2025.

“Will Women’s Rights Be Respected in Post-Authoritarian Bangladesh?” *New Age*, April 28, 2025.

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCES**

Bluegrass Community and Technical College
Adjunct Faculty
American Government (Fall 25)

University of Kentucky

Primary Instructor

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Summer 20, Spring 20, Fall 20, Fall 19, Fall 18)

Introduction to International Relations (Spring 19)

Introduction to Political Analysis (Spring 24, Fall 23, Spring 23, Spring 21, Spring 23)

Politics of South Asia (Spring 25)

Democracy and Human Rights in Developing Countries (Summer 24)

Gender and Politics in Islamic States (Summer 23)

Eastern Illinois University

Teaching Assistant

Principles of Microeconomics (Spring 2017)

Principles of Macroeconomics (Fall 2016)

**TEACHING
TRAINING**

Graduate Certificate: Preparing Future Faculty, College Teaching, and Learning, University of Kentucky (2022)

Inclusive Pedagogy: Inclusive and Student-Centered Teaching (2022) Trauma-Informed Practices (2021); Supporting First-Generation Students (2021), CELT, University of Kentucky

Instructional Design: Transparent Assignment Design (2021); Syllabus Design for Engagement (2024); Reducing Cognitive Load in Slide Design (2024), CELT, University of Kentucky

Innovative Pedagogies: Scholarship of Teaching & Learning (2024); Pedagogy of Play; Team-Based Learning (2020), CELT, University of Kentucky

Technology in Teaching: Using Student Evaluations for Growth (2024); Incorporating Virtual Reality (2024), CELT, University of Kentucky

**TEACHING
TECHNOLOGIES**

Learning Management Systems: Canvas, Blackboard, McGraw-Hill Connect

Instructional Tools: Zoom, PowerPoint, Canva, Google Workspace

Assessment & Engagement Tools: Turnitin, Kahoot

**GRANTS
& AWARDS**

2024 Nominee, Best Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky

2023 Ken and Mary Sue Coleman Research Award, Department of Political Science (\$1000), University of Kentucky

2022 Prestage-Cook Award, Southern Political Science Association (\$300)

	2022	Emerging Scholar grant, International Studies Association Midwest (\$350)
	2022	Ken and Mary Sue Coleman Research Award, Department of Political Science (\$1100), University of Kentucky
	2021	Professional development research grant, Department of Political Science (\$300), University of Kentucky
	2020	Ken and Mary Sue Coleman Research Award, Department of Political Science (\$1000), University of Kentucky
	2019	Ken and Mary Sue Coleman Research Award, Department of Political Science (\$1500), University of Kentucky
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	2025	“Foreign Investment and Democratic Recovery: U.S FDI after the Fall of Authoritarian Regimes.” International Studies Association Midwest Annual Meeting
		“Sinophobia and the Rules-Based Liberal World Order: An Empirical Analysis.” Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs
	2024	“Beyond the Norm: Ingroup Bias and the Ingroup Devaluation in Assessing Violence Against Women Perpetrators and Victims within Social Groups.” Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs
	2023	“Racial/Ethnic Group Differences in Procedural Justice: How it Shapes Police Notification about Violence Against Women.” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting
	2022	“Bless the patriarchy! Autocratic Strategy, Religion, and Domestic Violence Protections.” International Studies Association Midwest Annual Conference Annual Meeting
INVITED PRESENTATIONS	2022	“Survey experiment in Identity Politics Research.” Asbury University, Kentucky
	2021	“Policy Briefs on preventing Sexual Harassment against garment workers,” Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA)
PROFESSIONAL TRAINING & WORKSHOPS	2024	Scite AI Demonstration: Generative AI Research Assistant
	2022	STATA workshop for Survey Experiment
	2020	Multilevel Modeling for Comparative Political Behavior
	2019	R Workshop (Quantitative Initiative for Policy and Social Research (QUIPSR))
SOFTWARE SKILLS	Statistical Software:	STATA, SPSS, R
	Qualitative Analysis:	MaxQDA, Delve
	Text Analysis:	LIWC

**SERVICE &
AFFILIATIONS**

2025-Present	Reviewer: <i>Race & Justice; Violence Against Women; Review of Economics and Political Science</i>
2024	Workshop Leader, Preparing for Qualifying Exam, University of Kentucky Workshop leader, STATA workshop for first-year Ph.D. students, University of Kentucky
2023-present	American Institute of Bangladesh Studies (AIBS)
2021	Faculty Search Committee for Comparative Politics Faculty, University of Kentucky
2019	Department representative, Graduate Student Congress, University of Kentucky
2018-2020	Mentor to Four First-Generation Bangladeshi Women Graduate Students in the U.S.
2018-2025	Member, Women in Political Science, University of Kentucky
2016-2018	Member, Women in Economics, Eastern Illinois University

LANGUAGES**Professional Proficiency:** English, Bangla, Hindi, Urdu, Rohingya